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Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
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Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, Catherine Garnett and Michelle Durocher of the Commission. Also present were Bruce Whelittle, David Whitney and John and Mary McCann.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Connors/White motioned to approve the **12/20 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

8pm – **Notice of Intent** – 30 Spy Pond Parkway

Mr. McCann presented the project to remodel the existing garage into a master suite on the existing footprint. The line of erosion controls are shown in the submissions. There will be no excavation. Porous pavers will be used to create one additional parking place behind the existing cherry tree per the zoning requirement.

Mr. Tirone asked to what depth would the parking pavers subbase be installed. The homeowners and architect, Mr. Whitney, had not proposed any subbase unless it is required by the zoning requirement. The homeowners do not plan to utilize this additional parking area.

A large willow tree has fallen over into Spy Pond along their shoreline subsequent to superstorm Sandy. The board thought that the tree could be removed with the minimum of disturbance during the frozen conditions of the winter season.

Mr. Tirone asked questions on how porous pavers would be installed, how the tree will be removed, where are the downspouts off the house, will the deck be worked on? The applicants responded that while many of these details had not yet been decided but they were open to suggestions. The deck is not going to be worked on at all. The proposed work should take approximately 3 to 4 months.

The Commission proposed four conditions on this work: 1) the willow tree should only be removed by hand when the ground is frozen, during the winter, 2) if any excavation work is found to be necessary, the applicants must come back to consult with the conservation commission, 3) the cherry tree next to the proposed parking spot should be preserved, 4) the parking area should not be compacted by machine, only hand compacted to level the soil.

Connors/Naylor motioned to close the hearing and consider the proposal; motion passed unanimously.

White/Connors motioned to approve the project with the above conditions; motion passed unanimously.

Other Commission Business:

Ms. Garnett is in contact with folks at AMC to coordinate work at **Window on the Mystic**. Ms. Beckwith had asked the DPW if they had any granite curb pieces to donate for this work and they are looking into it.

Ms. Beckwith visited **25 Gould Rd** and is composing a review of the request for a Certificate of Compliance. She still needs more information from the applicants.

Mr. Stevens asked the Commission for feedback on the tree work required below the assisted living facility at the **Symmes** development. White/Tirone motioned to approve the work upon the condition that the trees are replaced elsewhere on the property; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whelple presented information on the property at **86 Coolidge Rd** and possible addition resource areas. The homeowner immediately downhill of the house at 86 Coolidge are the Rutzkowskis at 164 Mt. Vernon St. They also might have a stream in a pipe underneath their property. This area above their property should also be investigated for a stream. Mr. Whelple presented photos and a letter to the Commission. The photos show a melted path through the recently fallen snow. Ms. Beckwith asked if he could see if the water was coming from the house's downspout, shown in the photograph.

Mr. Whelple also asked if there could be a river under the Rivers Protection Act. The WPA 10.58 has criteria for determining this with a system called Stream Stats. Mr. Whelple will also continue to investigate this.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator